

Appendix 2

Interagency Planning Group Public Meeting Minutes

**Custer County Idaho
Wildland/Urban Interface
Fire Mitigation Planning
Public Meeting
Stanley Idaho
January 15, 2004**

A public meeting was held to gather comments on the Custer County Wildland/Urban Fire Mitigation Plan in Stanley Idaho on January 15th 2004. The meeting began 1 p.m. and was held in the Stanley City community center. The final meeting of the Interagency Planning Group will be held on February 6th in Challis at the Forest Service Building.

In attendance at the meeting were the following individuals.

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Andy Gunderson	774-2222	SVRFD@ruralnetwork.net	Sawtooth Valley Rural Fire Department
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The meeting format included a briefing by ERS on the status of the Mitigation Planning effort. Comments were then solicited. The following comments were made:

- ☐ The data in the RC&D Assessment, Appendix 1 is not specific. It needs to be revised so that specific needs can be identified and assigned to the appropriate agency for resolution.
- ☐ Mapping of the Red Tree treatment areas should be developed so that retreated activities can be tracked.
- ☐ Instructions should be developed for the homeowners on how to complete defensible space programs.
- ☐ Develop options for reuse of slash piles.
- ☐ Can chipping of mechanically removed vegetation be an option?
- ☐ There needs to be Codes developed for the construction and maintenance of roadways within the County.
- ☐ There are many single access roads into Subdivisions and recreation areas. Secondary evacuation routes should be developed.

- ☐ It is estimated that in July approximately 3000 are in the Red Fish recreation area. The evacuation plan is not equipped for such a large population.
- ☐ The SNRA/Forest Service/County must work together to develop a methodology for development of evacuation routes.
- ☐ A tabletop exercise/discussion on evacuation should be held with the homeowners, SNRA, the Forest Service, and the Fire District.
- ☐ Fire Districts need to be established for Yankee Fork and Antelope Creek.
- ☐ The Interagency Group should sign together as the recommending the Mitigation Plan to the County for adoption.

**Custer County Idaho
Wildland/Urban Interface
Fire Mitigation Planning
Public Meeting
Challis
January 15, 2004**

A public meeting was held to gather comments on the Custer County Wildland/Urban Fire Mitigation Plan in Challis Idaho on January 15th 2004. The meeting began 6 p.m. and was held in the Challis-Salmon Forest Service conference room. The final meeting of the Interagency Planning Group will be held on February 6th in Challis at the Forest Service Building.

In attendance at the meeting were the following individuals.

Name	Phone	Email	Affiliation
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Launna Gunderson	879-2932	launna@custertel.net	Challis Fire
Andy Gunderson	774-2222	SVRFD@ruralnetwork.net	Sawtooth Valley Rural Fire Department
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Bill Blount	879-4123	bblount@fs.fed.us	Challis/Yankee Fork FMO
John Fowler	879-4321	jfowler@fs.fed.us	USFS – South Zone Fuels Spec
Jack Ebberts	879-2237		Citizen

The meeting format included a briefing by ERS on the status of the Mitigation Planning effort. Comments were then solicited. The following comments were made:

- ☐ The Plan needs a better definition of probability and potential.
- ☐ The BLM has developed some “rough” condition maps for BLM land in the county. Bill Baer will provide them for inclusion.
- ☐ There are data gaps in the plan such as the location of the mines, wireless communication towers, and other structures that should be included in the first annual revision of the plan.
- ☐ The rural addressing effort should be completed and maps included in the next annual revision of the plan.
- ☐ Extend the efforts of the Fire Prevention Teams from the Sawtooth into the Challis Salmon National Forest interface.
- ☐ Examine Red Tree issues in the Challis Salmon National Forest.
- ☐ Bed and Breakfast facilities should be addressed in the planning effort from a protection and evacuation perspective.

**Custer County Idaho
Wildland/Urban Interface
Fire Mitigation Planning
Public Meeting
Mackay
January 16, 2004**

A public meeting was held to gather comments on the Custer County Wildland/Urban Fire Mitigation Plan in Mackay Idaho on January 16th 2004. The meeting began 11 a.m. and was held in Mackay City Council Chambers. The final meeting of the Interagency Planning Group will be held on February 6th in Challis at the Forest Service Building.

In attendance at the meeting were the following individuals.

Name	Phone	Email	Affiliation
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Randy Ivie	588-3361	mackaywater@cs.com	City of Mackay Fire Chief
Carol Eckert	588-2224	ceckert@fs.fed.us	District Ranger
Andy Gunderson	774-2222	SVRFD@ruralnetwork.net	Sawtooth Valley Rural Fire Department
Wiley Smith	588-2218	wileys@atcnet.net	South Custer Board Chairman
John Fowler	879-4321	jfowler@fs.fed.us	USFS – South Zone Fuels Spec
Walt Johnson	588-3387	6139 Train Creek Rd	South Custer RFD Fire Chief Macky, ID 83251

The meeting format included a briefing by ERS on the status of the Mitigation Planning effort. Comments were then solicited. The following comments were made:

- ☐ The needs in the RC&D Summary, Appendix 1 of the Plan, must be specifically assigned to the different departments.
- ☐ Clayton Fire is in the North Custer Fire District
- ☐ Chris James can provide maps of the fire districts for inclusion in the plan.
- ☐ Planning and Zoning ordinances must be developed in the City of Mackay as well as the County.
- ☐ Tourism should be addressed in the plan as a vulnerable population and as an economic issue.
- ☐ Access to water in the new subdivisions should be addressed and required by the developers.
- ☐ The roads going into subdivisions along the Lost River are too narrow for fire apparatus access.
- ☐ CRP lands have increased the risk of wildfires in the area. A map showing CRP Lands, especially new CRP wet lands, should be included and planning issues addressed.
- ☐ Dead cotton wood trees within the Big Lost River Riparian Zone must be cleaned up and removed.
- ☐ Question – who owns the river channel and the riparian zone issues, Corp of Engineers? Contact should be made with them and they should be included in the planning.